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## Jobs Up in All 14 Metro Areas, Unemployment Rates Stable in December

### Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	December 2022*	December 2021**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.1%	3.4%	-0.3
Carbondale-Marion	3.7%	4.1%	-0.4
Champaign-Urbana	3.2%	3.4%	-0.2
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.3%	4.2%	0.1
Danville	4.8%	5.0%	-0.2
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.7%	4.1%	-0.4
Decatur	5.1%	6.1%	-1.0
Elgin	4.3%	4.6%	-0.3
Kankakee	5.1%	5.3%	-0.2
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	3.8%	3.9%	-0.1
Peoria	4.2%	4.6%	-0.4
Rockford	5.4%	6.7%	-1.3
Springfield	3.6%	4.0%	-0.4
St. Louis (IL-Section)	3.4%	3.7%	-0.3
Illinois Statewide	4.2%	4.2%	0.0

\* Preliminary | \*\* Revised

**SPRINGFIELD** – Jobs increased over-the-year in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in December according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). The unemployment rate decreased in thirteen metropolitan areas and increased in one.

“For nearly two years, Illinois has seen consistent job growth across the state throughout industry sectors,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “IDES continues to help jobseekers and employers connect with one another as more people enter the labor force and look to take advantage of newly created and expanded job opportunities in the labor market.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Lake-Kenosha IL/WI Metro (+3.8%, +15,700), the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (+3.5%, +6,400), the Rockford MSA (+3.1%, +4,500) and the Chicago Metro Division (+2.9%, +108,800). Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Manufacturing and Leisure and Hospitality (thirteen areas each); Other Services (twelve areas);

Mining and Construction and Education and Health Services (eleven areas each); Government (ten areas); and Wholesale Trade (nine areas).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were in the Rockford MSA (-1.3 points to 5.4%) and the Decatur MSA (-1.0 point to 5.1%). The Chicago Metro Division unemployment rate increased +0.1 point to 4.3%. The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in 47 counties, increased in 43, and was unchanged in 12.

### Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – December 2022

Metropolitan Area	December 2022*	December 2021**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	95,500	92,900	2,600
Carbondale-Marion MSA	58,500	58,000	500
Champaign-Urbana MSA	119,400	118,200	1,200
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,829,800	3,721,000	108,800
Danville MSA	26,400	26,100	300
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	188,500	182,100	6,400
Decatur MSA	49,200	48,400	800
Elgin Metro Division	257,100	251,800	5,300
Kankakee MSA	43,500	42,500	1,000
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	430,100	414,400	15,700
Peoria MSA	169,700	166,000	3,700
Rockford MSA	148,400	143,900	4,500
Springfield MSA	111,100	108,100	3,000
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	239,500	238,300	1,200
Illinois Statewide	6,141,300	5,981,100	160,200

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